

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicant submits that this Amendment presents claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Furthermore, applicant believes that consideration of this Amendment could lead to favorable action that would remove one or more issues for appeal.

Claims 1, 12-14, 16 and 21-24 have been amended. Claims 2-11 and 25-35 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1 and 10-24 are now presented for examination.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 11-24 are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Birleson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,079,195). Further, claims 25-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Birleson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,079,195) in view of Bergveld et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,298,222). Applicant submits that the above rejections have been obviated by the amendment of claim 1 to include the allowable features indicated in the Final Office Action.

Therefore, applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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